

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



*Planting/Harvesting

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RELEASED: October 16, 2000 3:00 p.m. - Temperatures reached record low levels during the first half of the week in some parts of the state, with some weather stations in the Central and Southern sections of the state recording their earliest ever freeze dates. By week's end temperatures had rebounded to above normal. A strong high pressure system chased off all precipitation for the week, statewide. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 31 percent very short, 40 percent short, and 29 percent adequate.

CROPS: Wheat planting and ground preparation was in full swing, with producers in dire need of precipitation to improve emergence. Soybean, and cotton harvest continued with the rice harvest nearing completion. Apple harvest was in full swing, Central and Northwestern portions.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were in fair condition. Farmers continued weaning calves. Pastures were being overseeded and fertilized, but lack of precipitation and early freezes have stopped or greatly reduced regrowth in most areas. Selling-off of some cows and light calves continued due to lack of forage and supplemental feeding of hay was reported in many counties. Cattle were still being treated for flies and external parasites.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition % ¹									
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent					
SORGHUM														
Harvested	97	95	100	96										
WHEAT														
Planted	21	6	19	18										
Emerged	3	1	5	6										
COTTON					4	18	38	34	6					
Opening Bolls	99	98	99	98										
Harvest	72	53	73	53										
SOYBEANS					20	26	30	21	3					
Shedding	89	75	70	67										
Mature	68	50	na	na										
Harvest	44	30	40	32										
RICE														
Ripe	100	99	na	na										
Harvest	95	89	95	93										
CORN														
Harvest	100	99	100	99										
ALFALFA										13	30	47	10	0
OTH. HAY										22	42	30	6	0
PASTURE					31	45	21	3	0					

1/Many reports are received on Friday and may not reflect conditional changes due to weekend weather.

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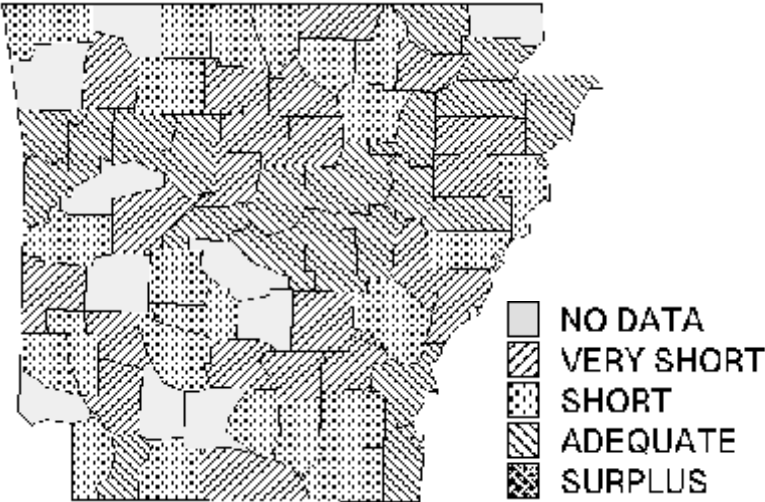
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

October 15, 2000. The week started off on the cool side with some stations reporting record low temperatures. Some Central and Southern areas reported the earliest freeze on record. By the end of the week temperatures climbed to above normal levels. The high temperature of 88^o was reported at Eudora. The low of 21^o was reported at Gilbert. A large area of high pressure controlled the weather across the state for the entire week resulting in a continuation of the dry weather.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
WEEK ENDING October 15, 2000

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	WEEK ENDING OCT 15	CURRENT OCTOBER ACCUM.	OCTOBER NORMAL	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER	
							2000	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	77	24	-4	0.00	0.54	3.21	30.71	32.97
Harrison	80	29	-2	0.00	0.27	3.11	27.40	33.41
2 Calico Rock	83	28	-4	0.00	1.06	3.10	28.78	33.06
Evening Shade				na	0.00	2.54	0.00	34.57
Gilbert	85	21	-6	0.00	0.44	2.96	26.15	32.04
Greers Ferry	82	33	-4	0.00	1.10	2.83	28.25	37.97
Mountain Home	81	28	-4	0.00	0.80	2.88	27.88	32.15
3 Batesville	81	32	-7	0.00	1.15	2.74	23.12	35.92
Black Rock				na	0.00	2.52	0.00	35.36
Georgetown				na	0.00	2.46	0.00	38.00
Jonesboro	81	32	-6	0.00	1.18	2.66	25.64	36.32
Keiser	82	33	-2	0.00	0.87	2.54	29.90	38.04
Newport	81	34	-5	0.00	1.06	2.67	24.04	38.38
4 Booneville	82	31	na	0.00	0.61	na	22.97	na
Clarksville	81	33	-5	0.00	1.40	3.33	25.41	33.94
Dardanelle	83	32	-5	0.00	0.91	3.49	22.97	34.95
Ft. Smith	84	30	-3	0.00	0.77	3.68	21.24	30.20
Mena	78	27	-8	0.00	0.24	4.26	30.86	39.76
Ozark	80	33	-6	0.00	1.90	3.32	26.61	32.88
5 Hot Springs	83	33	-6	0.00	0.42	3.36	32.52	42.75
N Little Rock	83	27	-1	0.00	0.66	3.62	26.90	35.78
6 Augusta				na	0.00	2.40	0.00	37.67
Marianna	83	31	-6	0.00	0.00	2.95	23.80	38.73
Stuttgart	87	30	-5	0.00	1.20	2.71	27.22	37.05
7 Hope	80	30	-9	0.00	0.92	3.29	28.77	39.41
8 Camden	82	31	-8	0.00	1.13	2.77	31.04	38.38
El Dorado	85	31	-6	0.00	0.85	2.96	33.08	37.96
9 Arkansas City				na	0.00	2.59	0.00	39.77
Eudora	88	33	-6	0.00	1.61	2.61	38.75	40.26
Pine Bluff	83	32	-8	0.00	0.89	3.17	26.53	38.26
Rohwer	85	32	-8	0.00	0.87	2.72	33.96	39.63

na = data not available

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